Utilisation of surcharge

2919. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that last year Government levied a five per cent surcharge and collected Rs. 4,253 crores in the name of national security but all this money was utilised bridging the fiscal deficit due to drought relief: and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to utilise this money for the purpose of national security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) and (b) An Amount of Rs. 4,253 Crores is budgeted as receipts under Surcharge for Financial Year 2002-2003. The amount of actual collection is not ascertainable as the final accounts of the Union Government have not yet been drawn. The amount collected under the Head 'Surcharge' forms part of the Consolidated Fund of India and is spent as per the Demands for Grant of various Ministries with the approval of the Parliament. The funds allocated for Defence through Demand for Grants are more than the amount budgeted through levy of 5 per cent Surcharge.

Sponsoring of racing event

2920. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the major liquor producers sponsored Formula One Racing Sport held in London in violation of FERA at a huge cost;

(b) if so, what are the details therteof and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the liquor producers had forged official documents; if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) and (b) Pursuant to receipt of information that during the year 1995 M/s UB Ltd. based at Bangalore, had entered into an agreement to sponsor Formula One Racing Sport in